**UTR2.169 - JOHN JEFFERSON BRAY BEQUEST**

**Background –**

A. John Jefferson Bray, A.C., Q.C., (‘donor’) died on 26 June 1995 and under the terms of his Will dated 12 February 1992 bequeathed a pecuniary legacy of $10,000 to the University of Adelaide (‘bequest’) to be administered in the following manner:

> ‘I BEQUEATH the sum of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS ($10,000) to the UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE UPON TRUST to apply the same in and towards the acquisition of books to be added to the JOHN BRAY collection at the BARR SMITH LIBRARY and I direct that preference shall be given to books dealing with Roman Law and Legal History and I further direct that my trustees shall not be bound to see to the application of the money.’

B. Dr. John Bray was born on 16 September 1912 in Adelaide and was educated at St Peters College, Hackney, and the University of Adelaide where he studied Law. He won a Stow Prize for his law studies in 1930 and the David Murray Prize for law in both 1931 and 1932. He took his Bachelor of Laws in 1932 and Honours Law in 1933. While working full-time as a lawyer he undertook a doctorate in laws and was awarded the degree in 1937, winning the Bonython Prize. Dr Bray was appointed Queens Counsel in 1967 and was appointed Chief Justice of South Australia that year, a position he held until his retirement in 1978. He was Chancellor of the University of Adelaide from 1968 to 1983.

C. The University accepted the bequest upon the trusts specified by the donor and the bequest therefore became the capital subject to those trusts (‘capital sum’).

**Investment of the fund**

1. The fund is to be amalgamated for the purposes of investment, and held in a common fund, and the net income earned by the common fund shall be credited, rateably, to the funds so amalgamated and thereafter distributed according to the bequest of the donor.

**Obligations**

2. In administering the fund, the University must adhere to the terms specified and is obliged:-

   (a) to invest the capital sum according to the directions of the donor; and

   (b) to establish a fund to be administered according to the wishes of the donor.

**Administration**

3. Bequest to be used by the Barr Smith Library to purchase books dealing with Roman Law and Legal History.